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SUBJECT:US EDUCATION DELEGATION IN PRIMARY/SECONDARY
EDUCATION

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1. USDEL PLANS ARRIVE MOSCOW OCTOBER 19 AND REMAIN TWO WEEKS. CHAIRMAN WILL BE DR. MARTIN ESSEX, STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, OHIO. ESSEX ALSO PRESIDENT, COUNCIL OF CHIEF STATE SCHOOL OFFICERS, AND FORMER PRESIDENT OF ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND ASSOCIATION OF CHIEF STATE SCHOOL OFFICERS. HE HAS PREVIOUSLY LED TWO STUDY TOURS TO USSR.

2. OTHER DELEGATION MEMBERS NOT YET NAMED. HOWEVER, THEY WILL REPRESENT FOLLOWING PROFESSIONAL GROUPS: STATE EDUCATION COUNSELLORS; PTA; AMERICAN VOCATIONAL ASSOCIATION; ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS; CHIEF STATE SCHOOL OFFICERS; TEACHER ORGANIZATIONS. DELEGATION INTERESTS DESCRIBED IN REFTEL B, PARA 1.

3. RE ITINERARY, DELEGATION WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT LENINGRAD AS WELL AS MOSCOW. IN ADDITION WE WOULD RECOMMEND VISIT TO MEDIUM-SIZED RUSSIAN INDUSTRIAL CITY AND
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ONE ETHNIC REPUBLIC CAPITAL. FOR MEDIUM-SIZED CITY WE SUG-

GEST YAROSLAVL OR IVANOVO, BOTH WITHIN EASY DISTANCE OF MOSCOW. ALMA-ATA WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AS FOURTH CITY PROVIDED TRAVEL IN ONE DIRECTION COULD BE PERFORMED ON WEEKEND. SINCE LENGTH OF STAY IN USSR WILL BE ONLY TWO WEEKS, WE MUST MAKE COMPROMISE BETWEEN NUMBER OF CITIES VISITED AND TIME SPENT IN TRAVEL, AND DEPTH OF EXPOSURE IN EACH CITY. EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO REQUEST SUBSTANTIVE PROGRAMMING ON SATURDAYS WHERE POSSIBLE.

4. OE NOW WISHES INCLUDE 13TH MEMBER IN DELEGATION. PLEASE ADVISE IF THIS ACCEPTABLE TO MINED. SINCE AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR DELEGATIONS OF FIVE PERSONS ONLY, DEPT (CU) WOULD PAY INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL FOR FIVE MEMBERS AND SOVIETS WOULD PAY TRAVEL AND MAINTENANCE WITHIN USSR FOR THESE FIVE. REMAINING MEMBERS OF DELEGATION WOULD PAY OWN EXPENSES.

5. ADDITIONAL INFO RE MEMBERS USDEL WILL BE SENT AS SOON AS AVAILABLE. INGERSOLL

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